March 31 ends Church Year!

BARIUM MESSENGER

But, what of P.O.H. family?

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Investigating Cases

(The Connie Maxwell Monthly)

Our friends must not get impatient if we seem to take a little time to investigate cases that are presented to us. It must be remembered that when there is any sort of distress with a child or children the average person thinks first of the Orphanage. Frequently a letter is written applying for admission to the Orphanage, and friends are urged to write additional letters, in order to press the case. This is by no means necessary, as admission to the Orphanage is not decided bp the amount of pressure that comes from influential people. Investigation is necessary and the work of securing all the facts in the case must be performed by a person who has been trained for such service. In the first place, it is frequently possible for the mother to keep her child or children, though in many cases she may need advice and perhaps a little financial aid from church or community or institution. It is now accepted as a fundamental law that no home should be broken up just because it is poor. There must be a stronger argument than that of poverty to take little children from their own mother and enroll them at an institution. If she is a normal mother, it is far better that she rear her own children. Frequently she can be helped to tide over her difficulties, even though her income has to be supplemented to some extent by outside aid. In some cases it is necessary to look closely into the condition of relatives to see whether any of them should be brought to feel the responsibility of assisting. Often such assistance can be secured. It is frequently only just and fair that they should bear the burden that is presented and not relieve themselves by sending children to an institution where money must be raised annually for their support. There are many things to be considered and each case has to be studied intelligently and by a person skillful enough to pronounce on the findings that are secured. It sometimes happens that the first fact secured by the worker is that the children are feeble-minded. Of course children of subnormal mental ability should never be mixed with normal children. It is not good for either the normal child or the subnormal. Investigations to discover all the information that is needed in connection with these cases are not always quickly made and sometimes our friends grow weary in waiting for a report. Though it is a little tedious, it is the only way by which may be decided with almost mathematical certainty either that a child ought to come or that he ought not to come. The old rule was to take a child if there was room for him. But that rule has played out, because it was too poor a rule to be allowed to live. It would be a shame to use such a rule as that now that we know a great deal better how to do.

Civic Club Dinner-Program Held at Barium Feb. 21st.

Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, About 300 Strong, Are Treated to a Square Meal and a Good Program at the Presbyterian Orphans Home.

(Statesville Daily, Feb. 22nd)

The annual joint meeting of the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs of Statesville, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Mooresville, and official representatives of the two leading Iredell county municipalities, was held in the spacious dining hall af the Presbyterian Orphans Home, Barium Springs Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock with 300 or more guests from the two towns in attendance. More of the members of the civic organizations were attended by members of their families or friends. There were approximately 500 people served in the big dining room at one time, the plates not taken by guests having been used by members of the Orphanage family. The room was decorated with the United States flag the patriotic colors, in observance of the birthday of the "Father of his country."

Music during the dinner by the Statesville band, under the direction of Dr. C. A. Turner, added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

When the visitors were seated at the table, their eyes were first attracted by the beautiful four-color program that had been placed at the plate of each guest. The printing was done in the orphanage print shop.

The first page, bearing the names of the three civic clubs taking part in the dinner, was an attractive greeting in the form of an acrostic—GEORGE WASHINGTON—"G-et happy; E-verybody; O-n with the feast; R-eady now; G-et going; E-at! W-hen this you've done; A-ttention give; S-ongs will sing; H-eartily; I-n speech and skit; N-ow we appear; G-ive us your smiles; T-o make you merry; O-ur best we've done; N-ow goodnight!"

On second page of the program appeared the menu which was printing in French 'for the high brows" and in English "for the rest of us," the bill of fare including "grits, sausage, 'taters, ice cream, cake, coffee.' The excellent dinner was prepared and served by the girls of the institution.

Mr. Jos B. Johnston, general manager of the Orphans' Home, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Johnston called attention of his guests to the fact that the program, a four-colored work of art, and the dinner were homemade, nearly everything on the menu having been produced at the institution.

The entertaining program of the evening was put on by the smaller pupils of the Barium school, directed by Miss Hannah, of the school faculty. The exercises were patriotic, arranged especially to honor the birthday of George Washington, the first president of the United States. The program included the greeting Howdy folks a song, "Washington's Birthday; a "Model class" composed of nine small boys and girls; a reading entitiled Young George Washington," given by John Ellis, a small boy impersonating a black youth; George and Martha Washington in miniature, acted by Lillian Sanders and Pleas Norman; "A Sign of Distress," using the United States flag, and "How Betsy made the Flag," by the class. The progrom was short and snappy, the costumes being appropriate and every feature of the stage work being well done.

The closing number "The Star Spangled Banner," in which the audience joined, with the band leading.

During the meeting, Mr. Gordon Wallace read a letter from Kiwanian J. M. Deaton, who is a patient at Long's Sanatorium, recovering from a recent severe illness, expressing his regrets that he was unable to join in the festivities of the happy occasion.

—P. O. H.—

Sewing Room

SEWING ROOM, Feb. 27,—This is the last time this particular group will broadcast in this particular place. We have been very busy making suits for the little girls to play in so as to make less work for the girls in the laundry. It's awfully hard to stay in and sew with such pretty weather.

We had a delightful time Friday night at the Kiwanis banquet and the program that the little boys and girls put on, was fine.

Why don't you folks come up to see us some time? We haven't had any visitors in quite a while and our flowers get prettier and prettier every day.

Our girls are going to play Harmony this afternoon; don't know whether we'll get to see the game or not, but we hope they beat 'em up anyway.

Surprised! Well I should say we were when the Jennie Gilmer boys so graciously entertained us at a party last week. We surely enjoyed it, boys.

This ends the news for this month. Probably there will be more taking place next time.

—P. O. H.—

Superintendent Appointed At Children's Home

At a meeing of the board of trustees of the Children's Home at Winston-Salem on the 18th, Oscar V. Woosley, who has been engaged in the Sunday School work of the Methodist church was elected superintendent of this institution. He succeeds Rev. C. A. Woods, recently deceased, and will begin his work as superintendent of the Home on March 1. Mr. Woosley is the most prominent lay worker in the western North Carolina Conference. Mr. Robert W. Bradshaw, who has been connected with the Home for many years, was elected Assistant Superintendent.

—Charity and Children.

—P. O. H.—

The average life earnings of an elementary school graduate are $64,000; of a high school graduate, $88,000; of a college graduate, $144,000.

Mid-Winter Health Examinations

There are two things that we can be happy about. If the thoughts of money and debts and such things depress us, why we can spend more time thinking of these other more pleasant things, and these two things that bring us so much satisfaction is the physical and mental development of our children as represented in their school advancement, and as disclosed by the yearly physical examination which we usually hold in January.

We have just completed this, and we find very few children falling below normal in their growth and in weight, during the past year. Only thirteen tonsil operations were found necessary. Several other minor operations were needed, but all together nothing like the numbers that have been found necessary in the years gone by.

Our children are sometimes called the healthiest looking lot in the country, and the doctor's examination at this time, certainly bear out this description.

We do not feel that our health program is complete. Some things we do in a more or less amatuerish way. A pair of scales and a yardstick being largely used for diagnosing, but in spite of all this, our practice of periodic examinations, with Dr. Adams doing the general examination, and the Statesville doctors doing the special examinations, have resulted in most commendable results. It is seldom that we have serious illness, and it has been quite some time since there has been a death among our children. Little Greek York being the last to pass away.

In school work, there has so far, been fewer failures than any year since our school has reached the size it has. Athletics, the connecting link between the physical development and the mental, may have something to do with both the school's happy state, and the state of health of the children. The main factor, however, we know is the splendid faculty that we have at the present time, and the wholehearted co-operation on the part of the students.

—P. O. H.—

ATHLETICS

For The Last Half of February, Including the First Day of March

On February the fifteenth Cleveland High School and the Davidson Freshmen teams invaded Barium with the result that the Barium boys defeated the Cleveland boys at basketball, 21-18. Our girls won, 45-11.

Our Wrestling Team defeated the Davidson Fresh Wrestling Team,18-3.

Our All-Star defeated Stony Point, also.

On February the 18th, we had two girl games in the afthernoon, using both the first, second and third outfits. We defeated Hiddenite 19-10; Landis, 35-18.

On the 19th, at Stony Point, our 110-pound boys defeated Stony Point, 15-5.

On February the 20th, at Hiddenite, our girls won, 30-10. Our boys were defeated, 18-14.

On February the 22nd, at Barium, North Wilkesboro boys and girls. Our girls were victorious 36-11; our boys 18-15. Following this was a Wrestling Meet with Belmont Abbey College in which our team was victorious 35-3.

On February the 25th, at Barium, our boys defeated Harmony, 16-12. Our girls defeated Harmony, 42-22.

At Barium, on the 26th, our 110 pound boys defeated Davidson Boy Scouts, 10-7.

On February the 28th, at Harmony, our girls defeated the Harmony girls, 46-8. Our boys defeated Harmony, 21-10.

On March the 1st, the Piedmont Jr. High of Charlotte was played in Charlotte. Our boys being victorious, 15-4. Our girls 36-11.

The All-Stars had a return game with Stony Point, playing them there and defeating them, 91-10, the adding machine shows. The game had to be delayed on account of one of the baskets getting hot.

This sounds like a lot of games for one little school to be engaged in, but many different boys and girls take part. There are at least forty girls in the basketball squad, and possibly thirty boys in the various squads of boys playing in different weights.

The Wrestling Team takes another lot of boys, and the All-Star Team is made up of grown folks, members of our faculty and neighbors. ,

For lack of space, we have only given brief mention to those games that were all most interesting.

—P. O. H.—

Conductor: "We don't go as far as Peckham!"

Old Lady: "You got Peckham on the bus!"

Conductor: "We got a Turkish cigarette ad on the bus, but we don't go to Constantinople!"

The Last Month Is Here

During It The Work Of Four Months Must Be Done Some How!

READ AND SEE!

Table of Receipts Received During February

PRESBYTERY	FEBRUARY RECEIPTS	Amount Per Member	Total Amount Per Member For Year	Total Am't. Due at End of Eleventh Month	STANDING
Winston-Salem	$494.40	14 c	259¼c	137½c	121¾c ahead
Granville	76.59	1½c	125¾c	137½c	12¼c beh'd.
Concord	630.37	5¾c	122 c	137½c	15½c beh'd.
Albemarle	200.39	5 c	117¾c	137½c	19¾c beh'd.
Kings Mountain	136.21	2¾c	109½c	137½c	28 c beh'd.
Mecklenburg	783.95	4¾c	100¾c	137½c	36¾c beh'd.
Orange	588.82	5¾c	91¼c	137½c	46¼c beh'd.
Wilmington	258.21	3½c	79½c	137½c	58 c beh'd.
Fayetteville	200.74	1¾c	71½c	137½c	66 c beh'd.
TOTAL,	$3,369.68	45 c	104.8c	137.5c	32.7c behind

¶—EXPLANATION: The revenue from the churches needed for the orphanage for the year amounts to $107,000—an average $1.50 per church member, or 12½ cents per month. This table shows each month the contributions by the Presbyteries and how far behind or ahead they are on this schedule. The last column shows the standing. This does not mean that only $1.50 is expected from any member, but is used in reporting on large groups like a Presbytery.

THE Table of Receipts looks bad. Three Thousand dollars worse than that of February a year ago, during which month we received $6,487.40 The delayed Thanksgiving Returns which are included in the total given in the table, only amounted to $164.97 Evidently Thanksgiving, as far as contributions are concerned, is over. It almost looks like the budget is over. We received during the month enough money to run the institution eleven days, five hours, and even with February being the shortest month of the year, we had to go in debt for sixteen days and nineteen hours.

It was the month following our general clinic, and there was performed for us, eleven operations. There are thirteen more operations to be performed, as this is written. If we had to pay for these operations as most institutions of this kind do, we would have gone that much further in debt, or else done without the operations with no doubt final serious results.

At this time, only one Presbytery is over the top, and it is abundantly over the top. If the other Presbyteries reach their quota, during the next thirty days, it will give up a breathing spell.

We wonder if our people realize just what does confront us this month? It is pay-up month. $32,000.00 is due to come to us this month to bring up contributions for the year to that estimated as needed in the preparation of our budget. This is the amount that is presented to Synod and has their approval, as a minimum for the requirements for this Institution.

Last year we did not receive this amount by $14,000.00. We do not know how much we are going to receive this month. It may be that we will receive less than last year. We do know that we cannot continue to run at the present capacity, unless we do receive this amount.

It has been the Writer's privilege during the past few days, to talk over Orphanage affairs with the Heads of many Institutions. We find that our own Institution is held in very high regard, not only in our own state, but we may say, Nationally. There are things in our own Institution that are envied by other Institutions. The people having to do with these Institutions cannot believe that as able as body of people as the Church owning this institution, will deliberately allow the things of which we should be so proud to be lost for the lack of money at this time.

The Institution is alive; it is doing a splendid work, filling a need that is tremendous, and if it is allowed, at this stage, to fall short for lack of money, it will be looked back upon some day by our Church as something to be forever ashamed of. We will feel about it as though we had allowed a member of our family to die through our neglect.

We wish we could make this so plain that every man, woman and child in our entire Synod would know the situation that we face at this time and do something about it. It is not an impossible situation to handle. If everyone would do his or her part, the task would be light. The failure to do this, will in the end lay a heavier burden on our Church in some way. We speak not as a prophet, but from absolute knowledge of the way things of this kind have worked in the past.

Lottie Walker

1st FLOOR

WOMAN'S BUILDING FIRST FLOOR, February 27th—Gee! we have been having beautiful weather. The lovely sunshine has brightened everybody's countenance a great deal too. These warm sunny days always give us a touch of "spring fever". But we are to have some more cold weather and that always peps us up!

Basketball season is just about to end—just two or three more games and a series with Troutman. We have a clear record for the girls. Only Union Grove has one point, which is grudged very much. The Troutman girls always give a hot dose, but we managed to beat 'em more in one game than they licked us in two. Gee! you ought to see our boys play. They know how, and are getting better every day (if that is possible). The Barium All-Stars play a ripping game also. They have won quite a name for themselves, and this is only their first year.

We have made the promise over and over to write longer letters, but somehow failed to fulfil them. Please excuse this short one and next time we will honestly try to do better.

(Signed) "We".

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Athletics For First Half of February

Everybody seems to be picking on Barium

During this first half of the month, we have been in contests with a Junior College, a Freshman class of a Senior College, with the three biggest cities in the State, the second largest orphanage and then, just lots of other folks. Just listen to the record.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

On Saturday, February the first, Barium Boys defeated Statesville, 19-8.

On February 4, China Grove defeated Barium, 21-10.

On February 8, Oxford Orphanage defeated Barium, 11-9.

On February 11, Barium defeated Hiddenite, 18-10.

Some good wins and some hard defeats. Whenever you pick up one of these big consolidated schools in basketball, and you think you have something easy, you are in for a big jolt. Witness Sharon, China Grove and what they did to us! There's just a suspicion in our minds that they must get together on Sunday afternoons, and practice goal-shooting, from the way they handle themselves on a court. It is a delight to meet them, however.

In this group of games is the one with Oxford Orphanage. This is our first contact with this splendid institution, and we are delighted with the team that visited us. They played us on the afternoon of February 8 and were our guests for nearly twenty-four hours. They are a fine group of young men, and we hope that we will have many contacts with them in the future. They had the good fortune to win, but did not "rub it in", and we believe that if they had lost, they would have been just as good sports as they were in winning. We hope to visit them next year at Oxford, and if possible, to bring back the victory from there.

The 110-pound basketball boys have had the following games:

On February 5, they played the Davidson scouts, defeating them 14-4 on the Davidson court.

On February 8, they defeated Belmont Abbey, 13-6.

On February 12, they defeated Salisbury, 23-9.

The 100-pound basketball boys, on February 8, lost to Belmont Abbey, 5-1.

And now we come to the two teams that don't lose any games. Whenever they are published in the paper as winning, it isn't news. But when they lose, (which is so rare as to be almost non-existent), it deserves headlines, because it is like a rabbit biting a dog.

On February 4, the Barium girls played China Grove girls, defeating them 48-9. On February 8, they played the Charlotte Central High Girls, beating them, 35-18.

On February 11, our second team played the Statesville girls beating them 20-12.

Our Wrestling Team had a return meet with Salisbury on February the 1st, beating them, 23-3.

On February 5, at Davidson, with the Davidson Fresh, we were victorius, 16½-7½.

On February 8, Greensboro High at Barium, Barium victor, 20-0. This meet was so quick that in fifteen minutes everything was done.

Our teams have furnished us with most delightful entertainment during the winter season. Have been most faithful in practice, and have made friends with every team they have played. We believe their athletic experience will stand them in good stead in whatever calling they may enter into.

Before closing this brief record of our athletics, let us not fail to mention the All-Star teams.

The all-star team is composed of members of our own faculty, and neighbors. They are not selected primarily for their looks and popularity, but they happen to combine these qualities with an ability to play ball. The team is composed of Glenn Calhoun, Ervin Jackins, of Barium. Williamson and Brown of Troutman; Collier and Kimball of Statesville and Calhoun of Davidson, and if you don't believe they can make a basketball behave, come down some Saturday night and watch them perform.

On February 1, they defeated the Taylorsville All-Stars.

On February 8, they were defeated by the Winston-Salem Southern Public Utilities Team. This, by the way, was their first defeat of the season.

We greatly appreciate the patronage, not only of our own folks, but of our neighbors. The money paid in to see these games enables us to buy all the equipment and other things necessary for carrying on our athletic program.

There Ought To Be a Law

There ought to be a law or something done about it. If in time of a great fire, anything happened to the water supply, or in any way lowered the efficiency of our fire-fighting apparatus, something would be done about it quickly.

If, during an epidemic, there should be any question of shortening hospital facilities, there would be a tremendous howl raised about it; and yet, we somehow think so differently about our orphanage situation. Here is an Institution for the help of destitute conditions. Destitution is increased by unemployment, by mill curtailment, by crop failures, and by all of the multitude of things that generally are summarized as "hard times." And yet, during these times of increased destitution and dependency, there is a corresponding decrease in the support of our Institutions for relieving this distress!! It is exactly similar to cutting off part of the water supply during a fire, or closing up part of the hospitals during an epidemic.

Recently we have gone most minutely into every item of our organization, and have gone over with so-called experts to see if there were any way possible to lower the per capita cost of maintaining our Institution, without lowering the standard of work which we feel necessary to maintain.

Instead of finding any place to reduce, there have been expressions of amazement on the part of the people investigating, that we were able to do what we do, on the present per capita cost.

We have investigated other orphanages that have been curtailing the amount of work they do. We find in one instance that they are adhering more strictly to children of their own denomination, and in doing this, have been able to reduce their total population.

Comparing this with our own Institution, we find that is not possible. We have been forced to the point where we have for some time given scant consideration to any application that was not a distinct Presbyterian responsibility, and yet, we find these multiplied, owing to hard times and the retrenchment on the part of other orphanages that in times past, have accepted Presbyterian childen without much question.

It means that apparently every avenue of retrenchment is closed, to us. It seems impossible to reduce either the quality or the quantity of work demanded of us.

At present, we have every bed in the Institution full. Children have been accepted for entry in March, April, May and June; and these children should be accepted now. They should not be put off. We have put them off to certain dates that we think there will be vacancies arising from other children going back to their re-established homes. There is nothing positive about these children going back, but the number was estimated on what have gone back in former years.

In addition to this, there are others that should be admitted. In refusing their application, we feel that we may be refusing them their only chance for the things that we now consider every child's rights.

We can no longer look on their plight as something that we may or may not relieve, because the chances are that if we refuse, others will do likewise. Because every institution is most severely pressed at this time.

Hard times not only lower our revenue and increase the calls on us, but they tighten up credit. And even with the excellent credit that our Institution usually enjoys, it is all most impossible to secure money for actual cash needs.

And then, there is another thing: The time of our Orphanage's greatest hope of revenue is around Thanksgiving, and we somehow tie up our gifts with our feeling of Thanksgiving, and if we are not very thankful, the implication is that our response to the Orphanage calls, will not be very liberal. It almost seems as though we bargain with God, at the end of the year saying, "Well, we have not been particularly blessed, so we will go light on our blessings to others." And, although the failure to receive the blessing may have been our own fault, the Orphanage may be the one to bare the brunt. Other causes have their "Week of Prayer," and we can't help but just dread those weeks of prayer. We know that it sounds mean and spiteful and sacreligious. It's not that we think that God is unable to hear our weak petitions during the multitude of prayer for other causes, because He does continue to bless us and care for us; but the part that comes from human beings-- the money-- ceases to flow. It almost ceases to drip even during these "Special Weeks of Prayer" for other causes. We may be going along and holding our own, and then, the money just stops coming in. A case in point this week. It started out with several heavy obligations falling due. A teachers' pay roll amounting to $1500.00, was almost due, and the money just stopped coming in. In the last three days, not one penny has been received from all the organizations and individuals in our Church, and this situation may add a little bitterness to our feelings at this time.

There doesn't seem to be a calamity or a condition in this entire State but what it effects us in some way. For instance, a man who has been contributing regularly each month, writes us that his nephew who has come by on a visit was taken down with flu and then pneumonia, and he had a big doctor bill to pay, and therefore he couldn't send us the money.

Here's a bank failure in a distant town, and we find checks that we had deposited and the proceeds on which we had used, returned to us "unpaid." Here is a church building destroyed by fire and a letter saying that during the reconstruction they will have to diminish their contributions to us. Another church writes that the mill in which most of their members are interested, either as employers or employees, is shut down, we can not depend on them, and could we take in two families of children, and so forth and so on, world without end!

Isn't there something we can do about it, to make our Orphanage more stable? We might consider a doctor a luxury when we are well and hearty, and haven't any aches or pains; but a doctor looms as a mighty worthwhile citizen when we are sick. Money may be hard to get at all times; it is certainly harder to get when we are sick, but we certainly wouldn't let our insurance lapse when our health is failing. Let's not look on our Orphanage as a luxury, either in good times or bad, and let us not slight it at any time, most particularly in the so-called hard times, we are having. We get agitated about politics, bank failures--maybe Chain Stores--but all those things are mighty unimportant compared to one child's future happiness. We may be so busy here and there that we will neglect this God-given opportunity to do a work that is monumental in its results. Let's do something about it.

School

HONOR ROLL FOR SIXTH MONTH

FIRST GRADE
Myrtle Mays.

SECOND GRADE
Walter Motte
Helen Thomas.

FOURTH GRADE
Leila Johnston.

SIXTH GRADE
T. L. O'Kelley, Jr.
Miriam Sanders.

EIGHTH GRADE
Marian McCall
Mildred Thomas.

TENTH GRADE
Lorena Clark
Alice Craig.

MERIT ROLL FOR SIXTH MONTH

First Grade—Henry Pittman, Victoria Salvaggio.

Second Grade—Bobbie Bosworth, Alexander Edwards, Billie Starling, Daniele Salvaggio, Eva Mae Benfield, Hazel Morrow.

Third Grade—Nelson Farmer, Alice Jones, Billie Hewitt, Charles O'Kelley, Alice Pittman, Phillippina Salvaggio.

Fourth Grade—Delorise Ayers, Lucile Burney, Wilma Dry, Iris Henry, Gordon Jones, Frances Lowrance, Lavada Lambert, Effie Lee Marlow, Eugene Shannon, Edmonia Steele.

Special Fourth—Cleo Sluder, Doris Slate, Hattie Michael, David Flowers, Roy Hendricks, Jane Lyons, Arnim East.

Fifth-A Grade—Clara Wadsworth.

Fifth-B Grade—Charles Greeson.

Sixth Grade—Cheek Freeman, A. D. Potter, Joy Stone.

Special Sixth—Mack Walton.

Seventh Grade—Herbert Blue, Margaret Brooks, John Elliott, Myrtle Johnson, Graham Long, Lois Motte, Bruce Parcell, Dorothy Thomas.

Special Seventh—Janie Roberts.

Eighth Grade—Lucile Beck, Ruth Shannon.

Ninth Grade—Martha Beattie, Robert Blue, Jimmie Campbell, Herman Clark, Jimmie Johnston, Lucile Long, Ruth Morrow, Eula Lee Walton.

Tenth Grade—Louise Wilson.

Eleventh Grade—Esther Archer, Guy East, Katherine Kerley, Edna McMillan, Julian West.

P. O. H.

The Pi Counter

"From the Hand that Keeps the World Informed"

"Aw, aw," said Snobleigh,"it must be—aw—very unpleasant for you Americans to be—aw—governed by people whom you wouldn't awsk to dinner."

"Oh, I don't know," said the American girl; "no more so than for you to be governed by people who wouldn't ask you to dinner."

I met a man who told me I looked like you.
Where is he? I'd like to kill him!
It's all right, I did!

Mary: "He's so romantic. He never speaks to me without beginning 'Fair Lady.'"
John: "Romantic my eye; that bird used to be a street-car conductor."

"Now Johnny," said the teacher, "suppose you wanted to build a $1,000 house and you had only $700, what would you do?"
"I 'spose I'd have to marry a girl worth $300," answered the young financier."

Raymond was the proud owner of a black and white mongrel, which was a nuisance to the rest of the household. But Raymond could not be persuaded to part with it. At last the boy's father made him an offer.
"My boy," he said, "I'll give you ten shillings to get rid of that dog."
The following morning Raymond claimed the half sovereign.
"That's exellent," said his father. "Here you are. How did you get rid of him ?"
Raymond smiled as he pocketed the money.
"I swapped him to Bobbie Brown for two black pups." —Pearson's Weekly.

A well-known missionary was always in the habit of addressing people as "souls," such as dear Manchester Souls," "Dear Bradford Souls" according to the place of his mission. In the South of Ireland he astonished the congregation by commencing: "Dear Cork Souls"—Canadian Churchman.

CLOTHING MONEY.

We wish to thank Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools and individuals for the splendid cooperation in sending money last Fall for clothing. We have never had as few reminders to send out in this connection and in those few instances, there was a good reason why the money had not been sent earlier.

Infirmary

INFIRMARY, Feb. 20—Since the advent of ground-hog day on February the 2nd we have been having some of all kinds of weather here. But today it's nice and springlike. It snowed about a week or two ago, but now it looks as if it never had thought of snowing.

We will have "Kiwanis" this Friday night, and we're looking forward to seeing the program.

We have had but a few patients lately. This evening four boys, who are having their tonsils removed, will be here. Ernest Morrow, who has been here quite a while, has gone back to his cottage, and you know we miss him very much.

Mrs. McGirt returned from Maxton Monday. She had been gone for over a week, and we are glad to have her back. Her son, Murphy, and Rev. Byrum, of Maxton, came with her. They stayed only a short while.

We are working in our flower beds now, and we are hoping to have some pretty flowers soon.

Mr. Lyons took the picture of the Infirmary group, and maybe you will see it in the Spotlight, if it was not ruined by the "beauty" of Gladys Duke.

We must stop the train until we pass the next station next month.

"MAC & MAE."

———P. O. H.———

Rumple Hall

RUMPLE HALL, Feb. 19— We have had a deep snow and every one enjoyed snowballing.

Valentine Day has come at last. We hope everybody got one.

We got our reports for this month last week. Some of us got on the honor roll and some on the merit roll.

We all enjoyed Miss Irene Hudson's visit this week. She talked to us Wednesday night and at prayers Thursday morning. All the young people in the Southern Presbyterian Church know and love her.

We enjoy basketball and hope that we may soon play well enough to have a real team. We are sorry that the All-Stars were defeated Saturday night.

We are looking forward to the time when the fish pond will be completed and lots of fish in it. Then we will enjoy fishing.

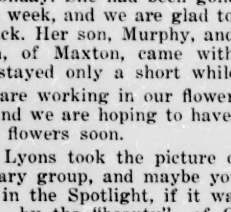
Spring will soon be here and we will be glad. So many birds are here now and we like to see them and know some of their names.

We will write more next month.

"THE DISHWASHERS."

———P. O. H.———

Annie Louise



ANNIE LOUISE COTTAGE—Feb. 19—Well, here we are again. It is almost springtime and we are glad.

We are going to have the annual Kiwanis Supper here Friday and a good many of our girls are in the program.

The basketball season ends Saturday and all of us will be sorry for we have enjoyed seeing our teams play.

St. Valentines day has just passed and we hope everyone had a good time because we did.

Miss Greene, our music teacher, went down to Charlotte to decide on a new piano. It was put in the dining room and the old one was sent to Lees Cottage. We all enjoy hearing her play.

We will say good-bye since news is short. Lugene White

Laundry

Hello, folks! Here we are again! How is everybody feeling after the snow. It seemed very hard for us to stay inside and carry on our work, but after a little scolding we decided that it would be better to finish the duties required.

If anyone should happen to be lonesome for some real opera singing be sure to pass the Barium Laundry and we assure you that you will be well entertained.

Katherine Kerley accompanies us at the piano which of course helps the singing a great deal.

We are very proud of our basketball stars and as usual we have some of Barium"Glorius Girls" in our laundry. They are, Lucile Long, Edna Jackins and Mildred Morrow. We are hoping that some of the rest of our girls will be stars later on.

We are also proud of our boys fine playing. As we all have noticed the boys have made a decided improvement. They have won almost all the games they have played, while the ones they lost were only lost by a small margin.

Just think, folks! We have only three more months of school. We are glad for school to stop but we hate the thought of losing so many of our boys and girls.

We can hardly believe that spring is just around the corner. The trees have already begun to bud.

We still have Miss Ford with us. We are clinging to her like a vine for fear some prince charming will steal her away from us.

We must stop for this time as the washing machine is calling us. More news next time.

Synod

SYNOD COTTAGE, Feb. 20—Time flies with us. Here it is time for the news again.

We have been enjoying these lovely sunshiny days. Spring is just around the corner, and then off with our caps, coats, and shoes. It's not any fun keeping up with them.

Four of our family paid a visit to the Davis Hospital for tonsil operations. Don't feel sorry for them for they were thrilled over going. There are never any tears when they know they are going. It must be a nice place to go to.

Some of our boys are in the program to be given at the Kiwanis supper tomorrow evening.

We all enjoyed Valentine day. The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of Concord, sent us each a pretty Valentine and a comb. My! but we were tickled with our combs.

Our matrons had quite a job getting us to comb our hair, but now it is just the other way 'cause we want to be combing all the time with our nice new combs.

Well, guess this is all for this time, so good-bye.

———P. O. H.———

Izzy Laszky, who hadn't been in this country long, was witness in a law-suit, and the lawyer cross-examing him began:

"Laszky, what do you do?"

"Ven?" asked Izzy.

"When you work, of course," replied the lawyer.

"Vy, work—"

"I know," said the lawyer, "but what at?"

"At a bench."

"Oh!" groaned the lawyer.

"Where do you work at a bench?"

"In a factory."

"Now, Laszky, what do you make in that factory?"

"Fifteen dollars a week."

"No, no What does the factory make?"

"I dunno; a lot of money, I t'ink."

"Now listen! What kind of goods does the factory produce?"

"Oh," said Laszky, good goods."

"I know; but what kind of good goods?"

"De best."

"The best of what?"

"De best there is."

"Of what?"

"Of dose goods."

"Your Honor," said the lawyer, "I give you."—Ex.

———P. O. H.———

Mrs. Gordon (to husband who is "listening-in" on Sunday evening): "Tammas, Tammas, ye mustn't laugh like that on the Sabbath."

Tammas: "Laugh wumman! The minister has just announced the collection, an' here I am safe at home!" —Tits Bits.

Support

Mocksville S. S.	8.05
Boys' Club, Charlotte 2nd	14.35
Aux. Circle 3, Alamance	3.75
Ashboro Church	4.91
Buffalo (G) Church	22.50
Buffalo (G) Aux.	22.50
Burlington S. S.	5.63
Church by Side Road	7.50
Cross Roads Church	7.16
Graham 1st Church	39.70
Greensboro 1st Church	117.82
Aux. Greenwood	26.25
Alamance Church	43.93
Madison Aux.	2.25
Little River Church	2.47
Aux. Mebane	12.32
Hopewell Church	2.04
Sanford Church	15.23
Shiloh Church, Orange	7.50
Spray Church	1.88
Westminster Church, Greensboro	88.88
Aux. Mebane	20.00
Yanceyville Church	.37
Mebane Church	32.55
Morven S. S.	5.00
Aux. Salisbury 2nd	5.00
Lenoir Church, a Friend	20.00
Aux. Cross Roads	12.00
West End S. S.	6.18
S. S. Winston-Salem 1st	13.92
Aux. Westminster, Greensboro	12.00
Aux. Rocky Mount 1st	10.00
Graves Memorial Church	9.49
Parmele Church	7.50
S. S. Reidsville	9.00
Pocket S. S.	2.75
South Port S. S.	5.00
S. S. Philadelphus	5.31
Eureka S. S.	3.39
Rocky Point S. S.	1.20
Aux. Winston-Salem 1st	60.00
Aux. Reynolda	65.00
Aux. Coolleemee	7.00
Aux. North Wilkesboro	10.00
Aux. Mocksville	12.00
Lexington S. S.	18.16
Graves Memorial Aux.	6.00
Bethel S. S. Davidson	2.30
Rockingham S. S.	8.50
S. S. Washington 1st	25.00
West Raleigh Aux.	2.50
2nd Church Charlotte	140.00
Caswell S. S.	11.38
McPherson S. S.	4.84
Hawfield Aux.	3.00
Men's B. C. Rocky Mount 1st	7.90
Waughtown Church	17.46
Fayetteville 1st Church	112.50
Brittain Church	7.05
Columbus Church	3.00
Duncan's Creek Church	2.70
Lincolnton 1st Church	38.91
New Hope Church	3.30
Rutherfordton Church	1.72
Union Mills Church	1.71
Union Church	2.63
Aux. Cramerton	1.88
West Avenue Aux.	1.88
Elizabethtown S. S.	4.94
Centre S. S., Maxton	2.08
Laurinburg S. S.	28.52
Aux. Graham	24.00
Aux. Howard Memorial	16.50
Aux. Mount Pisgah	1.00
Jefferson Aux.	1.50
Aux. Lexington	6.60
Mocksville Church	6.60
Aux. N. Wilkesboro	4.55
S. S. Winston-Salem 1st	34.06
Aux. Caldwell Memorial	3.75
Lumber Bridge S. S.	2.44
Warrenton S. S.	2.00
Aux. McPherson	15.00
Aux. Little Joe's	4.00
Long Creek S. S.	2.63
Four Square Class, Vanguard 1st	4.50
Sanford S. S.	10.00
Aux. Lowell Covenant	2.00
Aux. Pittsboro	1.00
Bayles Memorial Aux.	15.00
Cramerton S. S.	5.05
Aux. Washington 1st	10.00
Winston-Salem 1st Church	150.00
Shiloh S. S., Sanatorium	3.23
Bethpage Church	3.37
Bethany Church, Salisbury	1.29
Center Church	9.56
Concord 1st Church	11.25
Davidson Church	15.00
Fifth Creek Church	9.34
Hickory 1st Church	18.96
Gilwood Church	3.42
Kannapolis Church	8.02
Aux. Concord 1st	37.50
Prospect Aux.	.46
Aux. Kannapolis	1.87
Mooresville 1st Church	137.04
Mooresville 2nd Church	2.84
Aux. Newton	15.00
Prospect Church	5.63
Salisbury 1st Church	47.38
Salisbury 2nd Church	2.45
Sevier Church	1.05
Shearer Church	.24
Shiloh Church, Salisbury	1.65
Spencer Aux.	8.00
Third Creek Church	5.55
Thyatira Church	6.81
Aux. Thyatira	.52
St. Andrews Church	56.00
Aux. Raleigh 1st	11.00
Union Mills S. S.	1.50
Marion 1st S. S.	6.50

———P. O. H.———

"The Art of Teaching"

The art of teaching is the patient, the inspiring, and the cheerful leading of pupils into active and independent study, learning, thinking, of and doing by arousing and directing those activities which result in the attainment of knowledge, of power, of skill, and of refinement.

It is also awakening and the enkindling of that most worthy ambition to to render service to the world and "to achieve" the highest and finest things in life by honest toil and effort.

And though I have all knowledge and wisdom and have not love and sympathy for my pupils, I am nothing as a teacher.—E. R. Roberts.

Baby Cottage

BABY COTTAGE, Feb. 20—Mr. Edwards has just sent this message to us—"Send the news at once!"—but he doesn't know we have nothing new or of special interest to send. We haven't been anywhere, haven't had many visitors and none of us have been sick, so you see there is nothing to write.

Lillian, Margaret and Pleas are to be on program Kiwanis night. The rest of us will probably go to bed at usual hour that night.

The weather is much to our delight. We play outside lots, and take nice long walks. Of course, we received lots of Valentines. The Girls Circle of Cooleemee Church sent us a "whole raft,, of pretty Valentines and William's Daddy brought each one of us a Valentine and beautiful candy.

We can sing a little Valentine song, about "hearts," "daisies" and "love." Come to see us and we will gladly sing it for you.

Oh, we do have some news! Two lovely girls Thelma and Elizabeth Robards have come to live with us. and Miss Edna Scoggins is a new matron in Baby Cottage. We are very happy to have her.

———P. O. H. ———

Thanksgiving Returns

Calvary S. S.	7.06
Holly Grove Church	20.00
2nd Church Charlotte	240.00
Aux. Ashpole	2.50
Western Ave. Church	98.47
Sevier Church	12.00

———P. O. H.———

Howard

HOWARD COTTAGE, Feb. 20—Here we are again, we are glad to see this nice sun shiny weather, for we know Spring is just around the corner.

My! how glad we will be when we can play out of doors all we want to.

The Kiwanis clubs of Statesville, Mooresville are coming tomorrow night, and some of the children will give a program for them after supper. Sixteen of our girls are in the program. We have been for some long walks lately, One Sunday after noon Mr. Johnston took us all to the chicken orphanage to see the little biddies. There were five hundred in their new home. They were all so happy and we enjoyed seeing them. We also saw some rabbits and we fed them some corn. There were lots of big pretty hens and they ate right out of our hands.

Last Sunday Miss Woods took us for a walk and we went to the County Home to take them some Valentines and some papers to read. We enjoyed going and we hope we can go again sometime.

A few of our girls got on the merit roll and two of them got on the honor roll.

No more news until next time.

HATTIE MORRIS

———P. O. H.———

Have they disappeared from our modern schools?

Danny Dunce—distinguished by the tall dunce cap which was at once a mark or recognition and source of inspiration.

Lester Lazy—the boy who would just as soon be at the foot of the class as at the head, because they teach the same things at both ends anyway.

Mickey Mischief—for whom motivation grew in a hickory sapling.

Inca Rect—who was satisfied that 3 and 2 were 4 because he expected to be wrong anyway.

Or what do YOU do with them or for them?—North Carolina Teacher.

———P. O. H.———

Gifts

Huntersvill, Hopewell Auxiliary, 69 quarts fruit.

Winston-Salem, Miss Lenore Montaldo, clothing.

Wilmington, Immanuel Auxiliary, one quilts,

Lenor, Sr. C. E. Soc. 4 books for Library,

Charlotte, Caldwell Memorial S. S. Canned goods, grits, oat meal and other supplies.

Lillimgton, Raven Rock Auxiliary, tow quilts,

Chapel Hill, Prof. Joseph Pratt, Copy of Pearson's "North Carolina birds".

CLOTHING LIST.

Clothing list are being mailed this week and if every organization that is due to receive one, has not gotten a list by March 1st, please let us know immediately, so that a duplicate may be sent

Lottie Walker

2nd FLOOR

LOTTIE WALKER Second Floor, Feb. 18—Well, we are trying to "dig up" a train of thought and our news is limited.

We had some rainy weather during the past week or so, but it doesn't seem to rain enough for a few certain girls since they've received galoshes. Every little while one of them looks up in the sky and says, "I believe it looks like rain, don't you?"

We had a pretty exciting time of it Saturday night. We won three basketball games and a wrestling meet as well. Hurrah!

It was way past our usual bedtime when we finally came back, and some of us were so sleepy that we almost (?) "nodded" in church the next morning.

Our basketball and wrestling season is almost over and to our way of thinking we've made a pretty good record.

We will have our annual Kiwanis supper here Friday night. We're expecting a large crowd and a good time.

One of our members, Ruth Shannon by name, received a short visit from her mother and brother this morning and we are sure she was glad to see them.

It's time to stop now.

Verba volant, scripta manent.

———P. O. H. ———

Alexander - Dairy

ALEXANDER, Feb. 20—Well folks we are getting ready for the Kiwanis Supper Friday, February 21st, and we are expecting a large crowd to be here. Some of the boys in our cottage will get to go and we know they will have lots of fun and get plenty to eat.

There is only four more months of school and then vacation, the time everybody looks forward to.

The farm boys are working on the new football field and we hope it will be finished by next year.

They are starting to make a dam to the fish pond this year and we will all be eating fish if it is finished soon enough.

Our new dairy boss, Capt. Jackins, seems to like his job better every day and he gets along better with the boys.

We have been having some warm weather for the last two or three weeks so the ground hog must have been blind this year.

Our 110 lb. basketball team hasn't been defeated yet and we hope for a perfect season. Some of our boys play on it and they are doing fine so far.

Our wrestling team has defeated every team they have met this year. Last Saturday they won over the Davidson College Freshman team by 18 to 3, and next Saturday we wrestle Belmont Abbey College.

It won't be long before spring football training starts and a large number of Alexander boys will go out for the 100 lb. team.

We have been enjoying the good picture shows we've been having and hope we get more good ones.

We have new song books for the church and everybody is trying to take good care of them.

———P. O. H.———

"I vish I vas as religious as Abbie."

"And vy?"

"He clasps his hands so tight in prayer he can't get them open ven der collection box comes around.

———P. O. H.———

Miscel. Support

Dr. Wilbert Jackson, Clinton	8.33
F. P. Tate, Morganton	6.00
A Fayetteville Friend	6.00
Addie Webb, Raleigh	5 00
Mrs. W. T. Clark, Wilson	125.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tharpe, Rocky Mount	5.00
Lewis Collins, Henderson	10.00
A Friend	50.00
Mrs. W. H. Bowling, Rocky Mt.	10.00

Local Items Of Campus

Miss Maggie Adams, head matron, is now able to be out again following a recent illness of several weeks.

Manufacturers of leading brands of merchandise will do well to "take stock" with Reid Brown, business manager of The Spotlight for space reservation in Barium Springs High School Year Book. Rates for same are gladly furnished.

Rev. E.G Carson, of the Fifth Street A. R.P. Church, Statesville, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Brown at Little Joe's Church Feb. 22nd.

Mrs. F.F. Forte, of Lexington, visited her children over last week end.

The Regional Conference of Associated Welfare Work convened in Birmingham last week. Mr. J. B. Johnston, superintendent left Thursday to attend the conference.

Among recent visitors to the campus were: Mrs. J. H. Henderlite, Mrs. S. A. Robinson and Mrs. Morrow of Gastonia, N. C.

Barium family can be remembered with a host of friends, but we like best that talent which tries to entertain us, and now we wish to think of Mr. Chester Ensign of Statesville, with himself the whole show. He furnished a pleasing novelty skit at the picture show Friday night, that everyone seemed to enjoy. We hope he'll come back again.

Warm sunshine—budding trees—spring flowers—barefoot boys—"a young man's fancy"—all of which reminds us of old man Winter being A. W. O. L. What have you?

Well, the month of months has just got by. We know this is a complex for the ground-hog, but the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lion's Clubs of Iredell county must think that this precocious animal only exists at Barium Springs, for on the 21st day of the month that he is supposed to draw conclusions of his profile, these civic clubs draw conclusions also.

FRIENDSHIP

One thing we need on our journey through life is friendship. We come into the world alone and we go out alone, but even the truest of friends can comfort us at times.

In happiness and sorrow it is the help of a friend we need. Deep in our hearts is the seed of friendship. Early friendship is what makes one dearer. Years of time can weave friendship together but it cannot tear it down. There is no friend like one who shares our sorrow, for sorrow brings out friendship just as the night brings out the stars.

Shakespeare in one of his sonnets said, "The friends thou hast, and to their adaptation tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

We should hold our friends closer than with hoops of steel,—with bands of sacrifice and love for each other.

A Greek poet wrote:—

For death he taketh all away,
But them he cannot take.

"He taketh all away," but love for our friends, and the sacred and sweet memory will live on forever.—Ye Chronicle, Pomona, California.

Support

Aux. Mulberry	1.00
Aux. Westminster, Charlotte	25.00
Immanuel Church	4.61
Rockfish Church	7.50
Holly Grove Church	2.53
Wallace Church	18.75
Aux. Hillsboro	6.00
Young Men's B. C. Statesville	17.07
Henderson S. S.	6.91
Durham 1st Church	5.00
Durham 1st S. S.	20.00
Aux. N. Vanguard	5.00
Aux. Olney	9.00
Aux. Covenant, Wilmington	50.00
Ashepole S. S.	5.03
Aux. Thyatira	1.42
Womans B. C. Salisbruy 1st	10.00
S. S. Pearsall Mem.	5.60
Aux. Rocky Mt. 1st	16.00
Pineville S. S.	11.28
S. S. Concord 1st	119.08
Clarkton S. S.	19.54
Aux. Hamlet	15.00
Aux. Calypso	11.00
Aux. Gastonia	20.00
Aux. Charlotte 1st	60.00
Aux. Farmville	3.11
Fountain Church	1.44
Hollywood Church	.19
Parmele Church	.75
Mitchiner Mem. Church	3.75
Mrs. Richard Bragaw, Lexington	
Winston-Salem Presbyterial	50.00
Hopewell S. S.	4.00
Front St. S. S.	10.00
Birthday Offering, Beattie Mem. S. S.	6.00
Pocket S. S.	1.80
Pittsboro S. S.	3.63
Lincolnton S. S.	7.48
Belmont S. S.	17.02
Phillips Fidelis, Charlotte 2nd	25.00
New Hope S. S.	6.75
Brotherhood B. C. Salisbury 1st	50.00
Trinity Ave. S. S.	19.68
Park Place S. S.	1.60
S. S. Howard Mem.	91.25
Little Joe's S. S.	7.49
Young People's League, Clarkton	1.50
Reidsville 1st Church	11.50
Aux. Elizabethtown	15.00
Montpelier S. S.	5.90
Bethel S. S., Raeford	2.82
Aux. Charlotte 2nd (Reg)	75.00
Aux. Charlotte 2nd. (Special)	50.00
East Winston Church	4.50
Aux. Bethpage	1.00
Ramah S. S.	10.30
Aux. Pearsall	3.00
Elizabethtown S. S.	5.17
Total	**$ 3204.71**

Thanksgiving Returns

Mt. Airy Church	25.00
Total	**$ 164.97**

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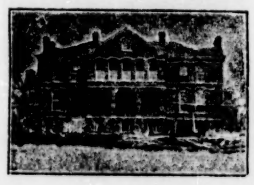

March is here! and everybody is cold.

Most of the boys were getting ready to go bare-footed but when March came everybody that already had their shoes off, were putting them back on.

We were glad to have a friend from Statesville entertain us the other night by doing tricks.

Basketball and wrestling have stopped and they are starting on track.

We only have about three more months of school and then vacation comes and Myrtle Beach!

We think that we'll go to Asheville instead of Montreat this year.

The movies we are having have been good lately.

We'll be glad when they get the new football field finished.

We had a good time at Kiwanis, seeing the program, and doing the eating.

Nearly everyone is getting a kick out of peg lately.

The Basketball game the other night between Barium All Stars and Moxville All Stars was good. Barium won, the score was 64 to 17.

——P. O. H.——

EXCHANGES

Since our last issue of the Barium Messenger we have had a few exchanges coming to us. Among these are the New Bern "Bruin", New Bern, N. C.; Ye Chronicle, Pomona, California; "Blue and White", Lumberton, N. C.; the Student Prints, Wadesboro, N. C.; Trinity Echo, Trinity, N. C.

We are anxious to make an exchange with those publishing High School publications as this always affords a happy medium for new and better thoughts that may be particular to either of us. However good they all may be in editorial make-up and craftmanship we do not wish to comment on some, for we are always trying to overhaul some of our own weaknesses and since printing is a vocation with us—that eliminates further argument.

——P. O. H.——

In America law and custum alike are based on the dreams of spinstrs, says Bertrand Russel. Okay, except that some of the dreams are nightmares—Winston-Salem Journal.

Clothing Money

Beginners and Primary Department, Washington 1st	12.04
Miss Cora M. Richards, Charlotte	20.00
Mrs. W. A. Sharpe, Greensboro	5.00
Mrs. P. M. Williams, North Wilkesboro	50.00
Aux. Howard Memorial, Mrs. B. Mabry Hart	5.00
Aux. Reidsville	22.50
Aux. Davidson	22.50
Aux. Sanford	2.50
Aux. New Bern 1st	25.00
Home Circle, Little Joe's Church	10.00
Aux. Burlington 1st	33.75
Aux. Raleigh 1st	22.50
Cameron S. S.	15.00
Aux. N. Wilkesboro	18.75
Aux. Circle 4, Wilson 1st	22.50
Aux. Statesville 1st	65.00
Aux. Covenant, Greensboro	25.00
Aux. Winston-Salem 1st	45.00
Total	**$ 422.04**

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Miscel. Support

J. Y. Munson, Bertland, Calif.	1.00
A friend,	5.00
Anna Porter, Asheboro	18.00
Addie Webb, Raleigh	10.00
Total	**$ 294.33**

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Gifts

Maxton, Circle 2, Smyrna Church, two quilts.

Charlotte, Second Church, Primary Department, two quilts.

Maxton, Antioch Church, Circle 3, one quilt.

Kings Mountain, Auxiliary, Pair shoes and one quilt.

Mr. I. J. Williams, box of clothing, caps and shoes.

Keniy, Auxiliary, one quilt.

Lenoir, Mrs. J. M. Barnhardt, two books.

Statesville, R. F. D., Mrs. Susan Turner, two quilts.

Newell, Mallard Creek Church, Circle 1, two quilts.

Cooleemee, Girl's Circle, Valentines for Baby Cottage.

Charlotte, Williams Memorial Auxiliary, one quilt.

Shelby, Mrs. E. J. Higgins, one quilt.

Durham, Trinity Ave. Church, Circle 2, 21 wash cloths.

Wilmington, St. Andrews S. S., donation tooth paste.

Wagram, Montpelia Church, Circle 2, 20 Pillow cases.

——P. O. H.——

THERE'S A MORAL HERE

Did you ever stop to think that hard times mean nothing to a hen? She just keeps on digging worms and laying eggs regardless of what is said about conditions. If the ground is hard, she scratches harder. If it's dry, she digs deeper. If she strikes a rock, she works around it. But always she digs up worms and turns them into hard- shelled profits as well as tender broilers. Did you ever see a pessimiscic hen? Did you ever know of one starving to death waiting for worms to dig themselvees to the surface? Did you ever hear one cackle because times were hard? Not on your life. She saves her breath for digging and her cackles for eggs.

We're not mentioning any names—but we are wondering how many of our readers can find the moral in this.

—Mooresville Enterprise

——P. O. H.——

SCHOOL ALPHABET

A-w, I forgot my book.
B-rought the wrong book to class.
C-ouldn't get my lesson.
D-idn't know you assigned it.
E-nglish test, so did not study my history.
F-orgot the answer.
G-osh, I didn't know we had that.
H-ow was I to remember?
I thought our lesson was on page 34.
J-ust couldn't get the right answer.
K-now it, but just can't explain it.
L-ost my paper.
M-ust have left it at home.
N-o, I couldn't get the answer.
O-h, I forgot to take my book home.
P-lease excuse me, I didn't feel well.
Q-uadrangles always confuse me.
R-ather complicated, don't you think?
S-ick over the week-end.
T-hought we had the other part.
U-seless for me to try to absorb that stuff.
V-ery hard lesson; couldn't understand it.
W-hy, you said we could hand it in later.
X-cuse? Why, I wasn't late.
Y-ou ought to give us another day on this.
Z-ero ! ! ! !

——P. O. H.——

A colored mammy came into the office of the estate for which she worked to receive her monthly wages. As she could not write, she always made her mark on the receipt—the usual cross. But on this occasion she made a circle.

"What's the matter, Linda?" the man in charged asked. "Why don't you make a cross as usual?"

"Why," Linda explained earnestly, "Ah done got married yesterday an' changed mah name."—Dry Goods Economist.

Two Comparative Articles of "Farm" Life No Artist's Brush Can Paint

Written by Bill MacKay of Barium Springs and Nat Dixon of New Bern, in New Bern "Bruin."

IF THIS BE TRUE "WHY DO MEN GO DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS"

Hello folks. Getting hot isn't it? Well this is what we've been looking for for a long time. It's supposed to be winter time but its pert warm around here as the boys say.

The farmers have just finished plowing the Bradshaw place, which is now one of our out lying possessions. The stumps were dynamited out and the trees dug up. Now it will be sowed in oats.

The chicken house has been finished and another smaller one built beside it. The hens will pick up now.

The football field is looking better. A nine foot fill is to border the lower edge, and it is about seven now. This job is coming along nicely considering the help—five teams and seven boys. The dirt is being tayen away from a bank where a concrete stadium is to be laid. However we will add parts to the stadium when able and not try to do it all at once.

The alfalfa fields are just waiting for spring and summer. What I mean is that there is going to be some hay a'coming. I think there will be more this year than last because of the cultivating we have given it. These cultivators were bought from the International people in Statesville and they sure have served their purpose.

We are still managing to clear some new ground and split pine blocks. This pine is sold to neighboring people and brings a considerable profit. The ten-twenty tractor has a saw attached to the front and it makes the wood fly. It is delivered in our own truck.

The other day we took three teams to Statesville to bring back twenty telephone posts. This was a long walk for the mules but they were dumb to the fact.

These are a few of the crazy sayings while at work.

Ab: Jim Lucky what did you git when you hanged up dat stocking last Christmas.

Jim: A notice from the health department.

Mac our absent-minded water boy, recently took some water in a bucket to the mules in the field and told the boys to go to the watering trough for theirs.

"Pop" Lee has gas on the stomach. He is said to have worked for the Standard Oil Company.

Believe it or not we have a mule, with his tail where his head ought to be.—He stays backed up to the corn trough.

Well the corn is all shucked now and so when it rains—everything is chicken on this department.

We have a number of visitors now days and so have to keep things looking good. Visitors or no visitors, everything looks pretty good. And how?

Because of the bad weather we've been having, the roads were bad and the terraces were all cut up. This took work to straighten this out but it was done along with the many other things. A number of our fields are on the hillsides and therefore must be looked after very closely, as the rain is abundant.

Hog killing has slackened up just a little now. The meat house is full with a load of a hundred and sixty pieces of meat. Our hog pen house has about a 100 hogs and pigs now. It is a very fine pen, which is built of concreate. The hogs are separated by compartments so as to have a separate place for the little hogs. They are called little hogs because they eat as much as the real big hogs.

Our new ground which is now rid of everything but the stumps, is looking good. It is being plowed now for preparation of another crop.

Here's one on the boss.

Mr. Cavin: Zek Morrow, get to work, you've never seen anybody make a living laying around.

Zek: Yes Sir I have, a hen.

I've forgotten to mention that one of our ablest workers—A. J. Potter has gone to work at the office as a pencil pusher. We miss his mouth very much. The mules seem to like A. J. too. They nay and cut all sorts of capers when they see him.

"Zek" Morrow says his feet run and his nose smells. However Mac says that his acts just backwards. There is argument however.

Mr. Nesbit is still repairing and building. He does all the cabinet work around here and makes a nice job out of it.

Yes, folks you are right, there is not much news this time. Next month we hope to have everything going therefore have plenty of news.

—THE FARMERS

——P. O. H.——

Mrs. Mandy Johnson: "I wants to see Mistah Roeser."

Office Boy: "Mr. Roeser is engaged."

Mrs. Mandy Johnson: "Go long, boy. Ah don't want to marry him. Tell him his wash lady wants huh money."

THAT GLORIOUS OCCUPATION

I don't want to be a pessimist, but I wish to show the other side of farming to those who do not know what it is. During this past "Live At Home Week," the city pupils have been shown the bright side of farm life.

I must admit that farming has its bright side, but to me, its unpleasant side out balances its poetic side. Allow me to let you in on the private life of some farmer lad.

We shall begin the first thing in the morning. Our hero crawls out at 4 A.M., awakened by the first crowing of the roosters. Before he can eat his breakfast, he has about two hours of labor. First, our farmer boy must go out and milk old Betsy. He then has to feed old Dobbin, the chickens and all the little grunters. Then he has to cut the wood for the day's cooking. Next, he has to water the live stock. Finally, about six A.M. he is ready to sit down to a meal, not a breakfast of toast and eggs, but a real genuine meal. That is the chief blessing of the farm—eat.

Now, of course, our farmer lad has had the symphony of the birds (comes nearer being ragtime, however) to work by all this time, while you probably have been lying in bed enjoying the nectar of the gods as Virgil puts it, meaning sleep.

By seven, our hero has to put on goes to the stable to catch Dobbin. He then harnesses the animal, listening to the birds, whenever he can, between the slaps in the face by the mule,s tail. As he depadts for the field, the dew-drop diamonds reflect the colors of the rainbow for its benefit, however he has no time to look at these beauties for slapping yellow flies which are trying to bite him In due time,our hero begins his lador by planting his plow in rows, but Dobbin is too busy looking at the beauties of nature to see the corn which he proceeds to trample down, much to the annoyance of our lad. As the day proceeds, the beautiful goldn sunlight begins to warm up the scene. The temperature creeps up to 105 degrees, that is if it is a cool day. Finally, after having nearly worn out his Ingersoll by looking at it, twelve o'clock comes. Needless to say, our hero loses no time in getting home. After he arrives, he must feed and water old Dobbin before can eat his own dinner. But, what a dinner, when he does get to it! I must pause to do credit to the farm dinner. I shall not bore you further with the story of our farm lad's life, but I shall tell you a few things which city dwellers do not realize.

Pigs and chickens do not grow on trees. Neither will vegetable grow without considerable labor. It may seem wonderful how farmers can roast a chicken or a pig any time they want to, but do you realize that theseqroducts represent hours of labor? Not only that, but live stock must eat and their feed costs money. —NAT DIXON in The New Bern "Bruin."

——P. O. H.——

THE PULPIT NOT A FORUM

(By JOS. FORT NEWTON)

Is it the purpose of preaching, as some hold today, to discuss in the pulpit the problems of the pew? As a point of contact, yet; though, as often as otherwise, it digs up more snakes than it kills. What if the preacher makes his pulpit a forum and wins the debate, as he may easily do, since no one may reply to his arguments; of what use is it unless he has a deeper vision to lead the way where logic does not go? Of course he must aid his people in their difficulties, as God gives him light, but how can he do it most fruitfully? By arguing with them, or by sharing with them a clearer insight by which all are lifted to a level where our questions are either answered, or shown to be foolish? How strange it is to forget that in the life of the spirit there are no arguments; only discernments.

What is the secret of a real sermon, not a mere homily but the voice of a man who has won his way thru' to serenity, vision, and beauty? Nobody knows. It is a mystery past finding out, save by those who have a heart for high adventure and do not turn back. The wind of God blows; its sound is heard but its source is secret. It is not in rich learning, or skill of training, or quickness of psychological perception, or splendor of oratory, useful as such gifts may be. No; manifestly the secret lies farther back and deeper down, where no analysis can penetrate—in the soul of the preacher, spirit-born and love-illumined, his lips touched by a living coal fron an unseen Altar. He is a man like the rest, but different; he hears "another Drummer," as Thoreau used to say of himself, not knowing how deep his words went. St. Paul put it in one sentence, telling all that words may report of things for which words were never made: "Not o fmen, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father."—N. C. Christian Advocate.